

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 ATHENS 02877 141647Z

63

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 DLOS-03 OFA-01 EB-07 INT-05 OES-03

FEA-01 ACDA-05 AGR-05 AID-05 CEA-01 CEQ-01 CG-00

CIAE-00 CIEP-01 COME-00 DODE-00 DOTE-00 EPA-01 ERDA-05

FMC-01 H-02 INR-07 IO-10 JUSE-00 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05

NSF-01 OMB-01 PA-01 PM-03 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

/114 W

----- 002123

R 141505Z APR 75

FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8326

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMCONSUL THESSALONIKI UNN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ATHENS 2877

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PLOS GR TU TGEN XG XF XI

SUBJECT: DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT (DSDP - LEG 42A)

OPERATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

REF: A. STATE 77024; B. ANKARA 2105

1. IN LIGHT OF CURRENT ACUTE SENSITIVITY HERE OVER
AEGEAN SITUATION GENERALLY, EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT
ADVISABLE TO INFORM GOG THRU MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(WITH DEFATT SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMING HELLENIC NAVY
DIRECTLY) OF FULL SCOPE "GLOMAR CHALLENGER"
OPERATIONS IN MEDITERRANEAN AND THAT SHIP WILL PROCEED
TO BLACK SEA AT CONCLUSION OF LEG 41A. ALTHOUGH DR CLOSS
PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH GREEK MIN OF INDUSTRY
OFFICIALS AND INVITED THEM TO SEND OBSERVER FOR AEGEAN
PORTION OF DRILLING (PARA 6 OF REFTEL A), IT POSSIBLE THAT
NO OTHER ELEMENT GOG INFORMED. WE ASSUME SCRIPPS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 ATHENS 02877 141647Z

INSTITUTE WOULD STILL WELCOME PARTICIPATION GREEK OBSERVER

SHOULD GOG NOW DECIDE TO ACCEPT EARLIER INVITATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WILL INDICATE THAT TURKISH SCIENTIST WILL PARTICIPATE IN BLACK SEA PORTION OF PROJECT ONLY.

2. FACT THAT DRILLING VESSEL IS IDENTIFIED AS GLOMAR CHALLENGER COULD POSSIBLY STIMULATE PRESS SPECULATION HERE IN VIEW INVOLVEMENT "GLOMAR EXPLORER" IN RECENTLY PUBLICIZED CIA PROJECT TO RECOVER SUNKEN SOVIET SUBMARINE. ANY SUCH SPECULATION LIKELY TO BE ADVERSE AND COULD BE HEIGHTENED HERE BECAUSE SHIP WILL BE ENGAGED IN "DRILLING" PROJECT (DESPITE FACT DRILLING UNRELATED TO SEARCH FOR HYDROCARBONS). IN VIEW OF THIS, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO POSSIBLE PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN GLOMAR CHALLENGER AND GLOMAR EXPLORER.

3. REQUEST DEPT FORWARD TWO SETS PHOTOGRAPHS "GLOMAR CHALLENGER" TO AID HELLENIC NAVY IN IDENTIFICATION AND RECOGNITION OF VESSEL. SUCH FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE OUR PART SHOULD AID IN ALLEVIATING ANY SUSPICIONS CREATED BY POSSIBLE ADVERSE PUBLICITY GENERATED BY LOCAL PRESS.
KUBISCH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LAW OF THE SEA, OCEAN EXPLORATION, SCIENTIFIC VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975ATHENS02877
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750130-0249
From: ATHENS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750454/aaaabxtv.tel
Line Count: 83
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 77024, 75 ANKARA 2105
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02 JUN 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <03 JUN 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT (DSDP - LEG 42A) OPERATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA
TAGS: PLOS, TGEN, GR, TU, XG, XF, XI
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006